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Assignee: AT&T Wireless Services, Inc.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Arturo MARIA

Serial No.: 09/314,330

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Title: SYSTEM FOR SECURING INBOUND
AND OUTBOUND DATA PACKET
FLOW IN A COMPUTER NETWORK

Examiner: Jenise E. Jackson

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REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on November 21, 2003, Applicant submits the following remarks.

The Office Action received by Applicant was incomplete and defective. For the Examiner's reference, a copy of the Office Action received by Applicant has been attached as Exhibit A. As will be evident from a brief visual inspection, the body of the received Office Action, *i.e.*, the portion containing the Examiner's detailed comments and reasons for rejection, is directed to a *different* patent application (Serial No. 09/276,841) than the one submitted by Applicant (Serial No. 09/314,330). Because the received Office Action contained no substantive comments or reasons for rejection of the *present* application, Applicant was precluded from preparing an appropriate response.

Applicant respectfully asks the Office to set a new period to reply to a corrected Office Action. Because Applicant's response to the received Office Action was made within the shortened two-month statutory period, Applicant respectfully submits that any new period for reply should be at least two (2) months after the date of the newly-mailed action.

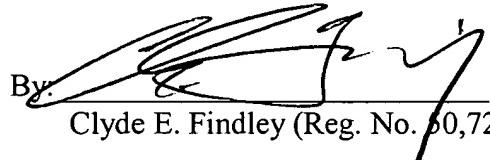
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4200 to discuss any aspect of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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